

## [ITALY] – [Univeristy of Bologna]

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## I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

[Help : How was your experience abroad? If you could go back in time, would you go to this university and why ?]

5 on 5, but if I could go back in time I would chose a bigger city than Bologna.

**GRADE : 5**

=> 0 (I do not recommend this semester abroad to my best friend) - 5 (I totally recommend this semester to my best friend)

## II. Before the travel

### A. Preparation

#### 1. Visa

[Help : Do I need a visa ? If yes, what is the process ?]

No

#### 2. The flight

[Help : what flight did you take (the company name, airport etc.) and when did you take your flight ticket]

I took a Ryanair flight, I booked the tickets 3 weeks before, but I recommend to do it at least 28 days before departure because you can have a discount with your luggage.

#### 3. My luggage

[Help : what to not forget in the luggage (what was useful and what you would like to have taken)]

I took 20 kg + 10 kg. I bought the "Kipsta" bag from Décathlon that fit perfectly to the dimensions required by Ryanair.

#### 4. Bank account

[Help : did you have to change bank? To respect some amount requirement on the bank account etc.]

No, I had a "BoursoBank" account.

#### 5. Insurance

[Help : What insurance did you subscribe to ?]

Only what was required by the university and the state (carte européenne d'assurance maladie...)

## B. Housing

### 1. Where to live

*[Help : Do a google maps capture and circle the area you recommend to live in (and the one you do not recommend) ]*

Housing in Bologna is very hard and expensive. I paid 715€ per month + a lot of agency fees for a really bad apartment with 6 flatmates. The location was really good (10 min from the university and everything was really close), but if you are not partying a lot, you can choose an accommodation outside the walls of Bologna and buy a bike.

### 2. Find a flat or a room

*[Help : How did you find your flat? Do you have any recommendation]*

*I found it on "Dovevivo", Italians will make everything possible to make you pay as much as possible, be prepared 😊.*

### 3. Cost

*[Help : How much should I plan for a room or a flat?]*

*For the most lucky of you 550-600€ for a room in a shared apartment, 900-1100€ for a studio. I paid 715€ for a very food located apartment.*

## III. When I arrive at the university

### A. Inscription at the university

*[Help : How was the process, what did you have to do?]*

The process is easy before arriving at the university, everything is online. Once you are in Bologna, you have to check in and the process is really tricky, you have to connect to a platform during very specific times when all the other students want to check in at the same time. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. When you log in, there is a queue and if 3 p.m. passes, you have to start again next time. First come first served (Italy :) ). I tried again 3 times before succeeding, which delayed the payment of my scholarship even further.

### B. Information on the university

#### 1. Class

*[Help : for each class tell us how was the class, what did you like and not like, would you recommend it for the next student?]*

*Organizational behaviour: I recommend it to you. The first professor works on the board of directors of Ferrari and will take you inside the Ferrari factories, although no one is normally allowed to visit (only those who buy Ferraris). The course is quite easy, you can study only with the book but I recommend to attend the class to have the opportunity to make all the company visits.*

*Data science for policy analysis: I strongly recommend this course because it is really short and will give you time at the end of the semester to visit Italy. this course was really*

*interesting but was really targeted to students who did know a lot about microeconomics and the use of R. But the course ended at the beginning of April and the grade is based on a group project. I did not have a good understanding of R and microeconomics but managed to have a good grade because I was working with people who helped me. I learnt how to use R by myself (Using AI such as BlackBox and Chatgpt).*

*Statistics and Programming: DO NOT TAKE THIS COURSE. The notion that you'll learn has nothing to do with management or anything related to it. You'll not learn anything about programming and it will take you 8 hours per week just to do useless maths.*

*Market analysis and reporting: the course is given by an experienced consultant of the company "Promoteia". It is also only half the semester and the grade is based on a group presentation and a multiple choice questionnaire. It is very focusing on economical knowledge but I managed to have a good grade.*

## 2. Organization of the Class

**[Help : tell us the duration of the class, the volum of work, the behavior of teachers etc. ?]**

In Italy, you don't have to attend classes, but the teachers don't care if you understand their lessons or not. They rarely answer questions (with exceptions). The statistics course required a lot of personal work because I had 2 hours a day from Monday to Thursday. For the others, I studied 2 weeks before the exams and it went well, the pace of revision was not as fast as at Moma. Please note that you are required to have a minimum of 18/30 in all courses (i.e. 12/20) and that the grades do not offset each other. I think this destination is more suitable for people who want to specialize in finance for their master's degree.

## 3. List of courses and recommendation

**[Help : list your different courses and let us know what do you think : level (easier, same or harder than the 1<sup>st</sup> semester course at MOMA, what you liked about the content, how is the class organization, who is the professor). Finally, for each class, tell us if you recommend the course.]**

Overall, the level in management courses is way easier in Italy. However, all the courses that requires a good level in maths are harder in my opinion.

DO NOT take the course of Industrial organization => nothing to do with industrial organization, it is just the continuation of the microeconomics course that the student from bologna had before.

## 4. Exam

**[Help : How was the exam? Format? Duration? Grade ]**

*As I said before, you are required to have a minimum of 18/30 in all courses without your grades being offset. The evaluation depends on the courses, but the organization is the same everywhere. When these courses last the entire semester, you have a mid-semester exam (which evaluates the knowledge learned so far), then a final exam (which evaluates the knowledge learned since the mid-semester exam) . If you have less than 18/30 in the*

mid-semester part, you are obliged to retake a so-called "full exam" which evaluates the knowledge of the entire semester. You can choose not to take the mid-semester exams, in which case you will be obliged to take the "full exam". In all cases, you will have several chances to obtain the minimum required score (minimum 2 chances).

Statistics and programming: written exam ( the programming part is only evaluated with 2 question at the end of the final exam)

Data science for policy analysis: group oral presentation and group project

Market analysis and reporting: group oral presentation and MCQ

Organizational behaviour: MCQ and optional group presentation

## IV. When I live there

### A. Safety

[Help : Is it safe? Is there areas or times I should avoid]

Very safe.

### B. Phone and Internet

[Help : How to be able to call and have internet]

I kept by French phone number as I had wifi home and 25giga from my French operator.

### C. Events

[Help : How to know about the events?]

ESN Bologna Instagram, where you can find a whatsapp group chat at the beginning of the semester.

### D. Sports

[Help : What sport can I do ? and how?]

I did not see any sport association, I was going to the gym in France but I had to stop because it was too expensive in Italy (200€ for 3 months)

### E. Eating

[Help : Any recommendation? Or good tips (e.g. an international house buffet)]

All the food is good in Italy. I don't recommend the university restaurant because it is expensive (6 or 7€ per meal) while you can find slices of pizza for 1€50 not far from the university.

### F. Go to the university : bus, car, bike

[Help : How did you get access to the bus, car or bike]

I went to the university by walking because I lived really close to it, I had the chance to do everything just by walking. You can buy a bike from previous Erasmus student, it is very common there to use bikes.

### G. Travels

[Help : What do you recommend and what do you not recommend]

In my opinion, Rome is the most beautiful city in Italy. I visited Venice, Verona, Milan, Florence, Naples, Rome, Genova, and the Amalfi coast. Everything worth the visit and you can travel only for one day and come back to Bologna so it is very convenient. I also

went to Vienna in Austria as the Ryanair tickets were cheap and I loved this city, I recommend it. I also visited Albania and it was amazing (this country is really underrated). At some point if you travel a lot you will want to go to another country because even though each city in Italy has its own specificity, the visits will repeat themselves.

H. Any other information you would have liked to know about

*[Help : What would I liked to know if I could have gone back in time ]*

HOUSING is really expensive for what it is. The parties are better in Montpellier. It is really hard to make Italians friends, they are not as friendly as we think.  
Applying for masters takes a lot of time.

## V. After your semester abroad

A. What are you planning do to?

*[Help : What do you want to do next year ]*

*Apprenticeship Master at Paris Dauphine. M1 Management et organizations M2 Business consulting and digital organization.*

B. Did you apply for master?

*[Help : in which master where you accepted]*

Paris Dauphine.

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